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1. [] the following merchant vessels were observed at Swatow: 25X1

a. SS HSIN MEN¹ cleared Swatow for Shanwei (N 22-47, E 115-22) in ballast [] and returned to Swatow from Shanwei [] with 1,200 tons of salt. 25X1

b. SS WYVERN arrived from Hong Kong [] with 4,500 tons of ammonium sulphate.

c. SS INCHULVA arrived from Hong Kong [] with 2,500 tons of ammonium sulphate.

d. SS TAI CHUNG SHAN arrived from Dairen [] with 2,100 tons of bean cake, and cleared for Canton [] with 880 tons of fresh oranges and 1,500 empty gasoline drums.² 25X1

e. SS EDENDALE arrived from Hong Kong [] with a full cargo of ammonium sulphate.

f. MV JULIANA arrived from Hong Kong [] with 300 tons of ammonium sulphate, and cleared for Hong Kong [] with 250 tons of fresh oranges and general cargo.

g. [] the motor junks AN P'ING (1344/1627) and CHI HSIANG³, fully loaded, and I HENG AN (? /0077/1344), empty, were anchored off the Public Wharf. 25X1

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h. [] some 13 river sailing junks arrived at Swatow from up the river and discharged rice, about 50 tons per junk, alongside the Butterfield and Swire Wharf. They were then to load ammonium sulphate for the interior. These junks were fitted with automobile engines, mostly Buick and Studebaker, which had been converted to charcoal burning.

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2. [] the following merchant ships were observed at Swatow:

a. MV JULIANA arrived from Hong Kong [] with 500 tons of fertilizer, and cleared for Hong Kong [] with 300 tons of oranges and vegetables.

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b. SS EDENDALE arrived from Hong Kong [] with 1,000 tons of fertilizer, and cleared for Hong Kong [] with 700 tons of fruit and general cargo.

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c. SS PEKING¹, Chinese Communist flag, arrived from Canton [] with 900 tons of beans and general cargo, and cleared for Taichow (Kwailing)⁴ in ballast [] to load salt for Swatow.

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d. SS WYVERN cleared for Hong Kong in ballast []

e. SS DAVIKEN cleared for Hong Kong in ballast []

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f. The Chinese Communist WEI NAN⁵, about 1,800 tons, with three holds, arrived from Canton [] with approximately 1,500 tons of unidentified cargo.

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g. SS TEFKROS arrived from Hong Kong [] She was to sail [] with 1,500 tons of cargo.

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h. SS NAN HAI 113 cleared for Canton [] with 600 tons of oranges and 2,000 empty gasoline drums.

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i. Motorized junk CHANG HSING⁶ cleared for Canton [] with a cargo of oranges and paper.

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j. Motor junks HUA TUNG (5478/2639), AN TUNG⁶, AN SHENG (1344/3932), and TE SHENG (1795/3932) were at anchor in Swatow, fully loaded, []

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3. [] the turn-round of ships at Swatow had become very slow, largely because of a new stevedoring regulation whereby each lighter was loaded and discharged only once per day, whereas previously a lighter had been loaded and discharged as much as three times a day. A harbor official reported that there were 84 lighters, junks without sails or other power with a capacity of 45 to 50 tons, and about ten steam launches available for towing the lighters.

4. [] there were about 160 fishing junks in Swatow harbor.

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